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SUBJECT: CARAMANLIS VISIT

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1. FROM AMBASSADOR'S CONVERSATION WITH GREEK AMBASSADOR AND DISCUSSION BETWEEN POLITICAL OFFICERS OF RESPECTIVE EMBASSIES, WE OFFER ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND PERSPECTIVE ON PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA JUNE 4-5.

2. THE GREEK EMBASSY CONFIRMED OUR IMPRESSION THAT CARAMANLIS HAD NO SPECIFIC GOALS IN MIND FOR VISIT AND IT ACHIEVED NO SPECIFIC RESULTS. IT WAS, HOWEVER, SUCCESSFUL GOODWILL VISIT. YUGOSLAVS WENT TO CONSIDERABLE LENGTH TO AVOID CONTENTIOUS ISSUES AND AS RESULT ATMOSPHERE THROUGHOUT WAS CORDIAL. FOR EXAMPLE, GREEKS TOLD US THAT YUGOSLAVS DID NOT RAISE MACEDONIAN ISSUE DURING VISIT AND ALTHOUGH GREEKS ASSUMED TITO WAS REFERRING TO MACEDONIA IN HIS REFERENCE TO OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS, GREEKS THOUGHT IT POLITIC NOT TO REQUEST
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FURTHER ELABORATION.

3. THE GREEK AMBASSADOR SAID THAT TITO MADE NO MENTION WHAT-
EVER ABOUT GREECE'S ROLE IN NATO. AT ONE POINT IN DISCUSSION
OF NON-ALIGNMENT CARAMANLIS TOLD TITO THAT NON-ALIGNMENT IS
FINE IN PRINCIPLE BUT IT IS NO HELP WHEN THE CHIPS ARE DOWN, TO
WHICH TITO ONLY LAUGHED. GREEK EMBOFF STATED THAT VISIT
DID NOTHING TO DISPEL CLEAR YUGOSLAV SIGNALS SINCE FALL OF JUNTA
THAT GOY WOULD NOT BE SANGUINE ABOUT A TOTAL GREEK WITHDRAWAL FROM
NATO AND CONVERSION TO SOME FORM OF NEUTRALITY, PERHAPS IN
SOME FORM OF ASSOCIATION WITH NON-ALIGNMENT.

4. ALTHOUGH BALKAN COOPERATION WAS DISCUSSED DURING VISIT
GREEK EMBASSY ADMITTED THAT MAIN INTEREST IN IDEA CAME FROM
GREEK SIDE WHICH SEES IN IT A POSSIBLE MEANS OF GAINING SUPPORT
FOR THE GREEK POSITION WITH RESPECT TO CYPRUS. WHILE YUGOSLAVS
ARE PREPARED TO PAY LIP SERVICE TO BALKAN COOPERATION THEIR
SIGHTS ARE FOCUSED MORE ON LARGER INTERNATIONAL AND NON-ALIGNED
FORUMS IN WHICH THEY ARE ACTIVE. GREEK EMBOFF INDICATED
YUGOSLAVS CONTINUE TO BE CRITICAL OF PREEMPTIVE TURKISH ACTIONS
ON CYPRUS BUT WILL AVOID TAKING SIDES IN DISPUTE BECAUSE THEY
WISH TO PRESERVE CREDENTIALS OF MEDIATORS IN CASE
OPPORTUNITY ARISES.

5. GREEK AMBASSADOR REPORTED INTERESTING MINIC COMMENT
THAT THE YUGOSLAVS ARE CONCERNED OVER THE THIRD WORLD
DIVIDING INTO THE THIRD AND FOURTH WORLD, A REFERENCE TO POOREST
NATIONS ADPTING A "WE AND THEY" STANCE TOWARD BETTER-OFF GROUP
OF THIRD WORLD NATIONS TO WHICH YUGOSLAVIA BELONG.

6. GREEK AMBASSADOR WHO SAT IN ON CARAMANLIS-TITO
MEETINGS COMMENTED THAT TITO'S COLOR WAS GOOD BUT NOTED
THAT HIS SKIN SEEMED UNNATURALLY TAUT.
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